

GUIDED MISSILE AND ASTRONAUTICS INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Board of National Estimates
Deputy Director for Intelligence
Deputy Director for Science and Technology

REFERENCE: DDS&T Memo to DCI, "Formation of a Strategic Weapons
Intelligence Panel," dated 12 June 1965 (S)

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1. The [redacted] Panel (officially the Strategic Weapons Intelligence Panel for the past couple of years) was basically set up to render assistance on technical judgments. Over the years, its membership and sponsors (various CIA technical shops and/or GMAIC) have been basically technical.

2. Fewer and fewer of the Panel's judgments have been technical--rather they have had very strong policy or operational connotations. This is really as it should be since such judgments are of more significance to this country.

3. At least partially because of its technical composition, there has been a reluctance to convene the Panel and more reluctance to use its conclusions by many in the intelligence community. However, there seems to be a place for consultants in our society.

4. I, therefore, recommend:

a. The Panel be reconstituted to include only about one-third technical, with the remainder a mix of educational and operational-type personnel, chaired by an operational type. In "operational" I include WSEG, JCS, operational analysis-type experience.

b. The meetings be scheduled at least three months in advance, with a thoroughly conceived objective and agenda.

c. The members be kept up to speed on a near continuing basis by briefings, but the Panel should meet perhaps two times a year.

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d. That GMAIC be relieved of its associated responsibilities and that the BME or DDI be assigned them.

5. The Guided Missile and Astronautics Intelligence Committee has not been consulted on this proposal.

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Chairman

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